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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-20 (Cancelled)

21. (New) A method of initiating a procedure within a building comprising the steps of:

- a. defining at least one initiating event for the procedure;
- b. defining at least one requirement for the procedure;
- c. defining at least one person to be authorized to perform the procedure;
- d. detecting the at least one initiating event;
- e. generating a virtual key for the at least one person based on the at least one requirement upon detecting the at least one initiating event;
- f. transmitting the virtual key to the at least one person;
- g. detecting use of the virtual key;
- h. checking the validity of the virtual key; and
- i. initiating the procedure within the building if the validity check is positive.

22. (New) The method according to Claim 21 further comprising a step of assigning an encrypted code to the virtual key.

23. (New) The method according to Claim 21 further comprising the steps of:

- adding a signature to the virtual key; and
- identifying a recipient of the transmitted virtual key by the signature.

24. (New) The method according to Claim 21 further comprising the step of defining different procedures for different initiating events.

25. (New) The method according to Claim 21, further comprising the step of defining different requirements for different procedures.

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26. (New) The method according to Claim 21 further comprising the step of transmitting different virtual keys to the at least one person for different initiating events.
27. (New) The method according to Claim 21 further comprising the step of storing the virtual key partially or completely.
28. (New) The method according to Claim 21 further comprising the step of identifying the at least one person with biometric characteristics.
29. (New) The method according to Claim 21 further comprising performing said step i. as at least one of the steps of:
initiating a control procedure of an elevator in the building;
initiating a medical assistance procedure;
initiating a building cleaning procedure; and
initiating a guest reception procedure.
30. (New) The method according to Claim 21 further comprising the step of transmitting the virtual key using wireless devices.